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ONE REASON WHY

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The October number of the *Association Review* is of unusual interest, as it contains the report of the proceedings of the Eighth Summer meeting of the American Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech to the Deaf. The papers read at the meeting are given in full and there is a verbatim report of the discussions with which the reading of papers was interspersed. To the casual reader probably the most striking thing in the account of the meeting is the unusually frank and pointed address of Mr. Tillinghast, Superintendent of the Oregon School. We quote:

"It has always seemed to me that there is something radically wrong with oralism which cannot turn out deaf graduates who appreciate the value of the methods by which they were instructed. If it cannot develop their minds sufficiently to make them capable of judging what is good for them and what is not, it is surely very, very imperfect oralism; or if the progress of oral teaching is such a procrustean one that it leaves the vast majority of its subjects embittered, more or less dissatisfied, unappreciative, disloyal—if we may use the term in this connection—to the method by which they were educated; indifferent, if not hostile, to its progress in the education of their fellow deaf, so that we find congresses of the deaf in Germany—the home of pure oralism—in France, where manualism has no standing with the educational authorities; in Scotland, in America, in Ireland, in Australia, almost every State Association of the Union, the National Association of the Deaf, and practically all organizations of deaf people great and small—I say, if we find all of those associations and congresses from one side of the world to the other hammering against the pure oral method, it seems to me that an adequate explanation should be forthcoming from its friends."

Whether any duly accredited "friend of the oral method" will respond to Mr. Tillinghast's impassioned demand remains to be seen; but to an unprejudiced spectator it would appear that an explanation from the deaf themselves why they so obstinately refuse to see "what is good for them, and what is not," would be a great deal more interesting and pertinent.

No one will dispute that Mr. Tillinghast's picture is substantially correct. We are constantly assured in various ways that the deaf as a class are opposed to pure oralism. It is possible that Mr. Tillinghast attaches too much weight to the resolutions against oralism which from time to time have been adopted by various conventions and congresses of the deaf. Resolutions passed at these gatherings bear about the same relation to the real sentiments of the deaf as do party platforms to the beliefs of individual members of political parties. They are largely for effect. We do not believe that a convention or congress which represented the real sentiments of the deaf of the nation, or even of a single State, has ever been held. But if we disregard the resolutions adopted from time to time at gatherings of the deaf; if nevertheless remains true that the deaf are, as a whole, hostile to the oral method. Why is that? A complete and satisfactory explanation of the phenomenon may be impossible, but it is not difficult to suggest a few plausible reasons.

The deaf are divided into two classes, those who have been orally taught and those taught by the combined system. The latter class is supposed to be opposed to the oral method as a matter of course, and it would not be surprising if such were really the case, considering that its members know practically nothing about the pure oral method. But where questions of personal interest are not involved, their prejudice can best be described as "inherited"—a question of habit rather than of definite conviction. While a deaf teacher of the deaf may have very pronounced opinions on the subject, the ordinary non-professional deaf man is neutral if not positively indifferent. Whatever may have been his previous opinions, when a deaf man

finds himself, by one of those rare accidents of fortune, the parent of a deaf child, he is always very eager to have it receive the best of oral teaching. What arouses and crystallizes the opposition of the deaf to oralism is the supercilious attitude of nearly all oral teachers and of some oral graduates towards those who use the sign language.

There may be honest doubt as to the value of the sign language in the school for the deaf, but there is absolutely no question about its convenience to the adult deaf and the real pleasure they find in its use. To their minds, it is nobody's business but their own how they choose to talk among themselves, and to be looked down upon and avoided as social lepers because they can and do use signs, is more than they can bear with equanimity. If the sign-making deaf do not hate the pure oral method itself, they at least do hate certain advocates of that method with a healthy, whole-souled hatred that is refreshing in these days of namby-pamby sentimentality. Per contra, we need look no further than the president of the Association to Promote the Teaching of Speech for an instance of a man who, although an ardent oralist, has been able to retain for half a century the affection and respect of the deaf. There is no factitious opposition to oralism in Pennsylvania.

But, as Mr. Tillinghast says, even the graduates of the pure oral method do not hesitate to oppose and condemn that method. It would be more correct to say that some of them do—a very large number, indeed, but not all. And there must be a certain small but happy proportion with whom these methods so completely succeed that they are henceforth wholly lost to the world of the deaf, even if they are not completely enfranchised in the world of the hearing. It is a pity that we do not know what these think.

How can we explain this attitude of the orally taught deaf? Probably there are many subtle elements in the question, but we venture to believe that one potent reason can be cited which is not without its pathetic aspect.

No method of education can do away with the fact of deafness. Education may reduce its inconvenience, but cannot alter the terrible fact. Familiarity breeds contempt, and we doubt that very many teachers of the deaf realize what a physical, intellectual and spiritual catastrophe deafness is. Its terrors are exactly in proportion to the intellectual capacity of the victim. We have always felt that the oralist takes too cheerful a view of deafness—that he forgets that, even at the best, he is dealing with terribly afflicted children. The aim is avowedly to make the deaf child as much like his hearing brother as possible, to make him capable of living the same life, of cherishing the same aspirations and of attaining the same successes. And then he is turned out into the world to find that he is nothing more or less than a deaf person. His oral training gives him advantages over the manually educated deaf man in associating with the hearing, but his speech and lip-reading is only half bridge the gap. And it is just because all his efforts are bent towards crossing this gap that he realizes the absolute, entire and hopeless failure of his education as far as this one all-important end is concerned. It fails to do the one thing it ought to do.

The situation is like that of the young girl with negro blood in her veins who educates herself for a career and finds that in America at least no amount of intelligence and culture can overcome the one black blot of tainted blood. Joel Chandler Harris has painted the picture over and over again in colors that makes the heart ache, and just such a tragedy in varying degrees is taking place every day in the lives of deaf people around us. No one is more satisfied with his education than the man who has no hopes, no aspirations, no desires for association or equality with the hearing; no one is more disappointed than he who finds that he is almost emancipated, but not quite.

It is not surprising, then, if the oral graduate blames the method for that for which it was not responsible and which it could not prevent.

He argues, "Here I am just as deaf, just as helpless, as the sign-making deaf people whom I was taught to despise. There is really no difference between us in the eyes of the world. What was the use of those painful years wasted on speech and speech reading? If they had only devoted the time, as a combined school would have done, to teaching me something useful instead, how much better off I would be! The combined system is best."

Of course, the fallacy is obvious. A pole which will not reach the stars will nevertheless make an excellent walking stick. But really, our friend is in no mood to analyze syllogisms, and there are not wanting those who will encourage him in his poor logic.

If our oral friends were a little more modest in their claims, if they gave their pupils a juster idea of what is before them, if they prepared for a life of deafness men and women whom God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to make deaf, we should find fewer instances of oral graduates rejecting and trampling under foot that pearl of pearls, articulate human speech.

The average deaf man has only an academic interest in the question of methods of instruction. His education, whether for good or ill, is completed, and nothing now can change the result. He realizes the value of speech as a practical convenience, but he realizes just as keenly that no amount of speech and speech reading can make him a hearing man. He must work out his own social salvation along certain lines, and the experience of a century shows him pretty definitely what these lines must be. The co-operation of his fellow deaf men is important if not indispensable, and the oral method deliberately aims to render this co-operation as difficult as possible. This is his first indictment of the oral method.

Again the oral method takes deaf children in ignorant and unresisting childhood and trains them for an artificial mode of life for which not one in a hundred is fitted by nature. This is a second ground of complaint.

It is not surprising, therefore, that from time to time the dissatisfaction of the deaf should be shown by more or less vague abuse of oral teaching. The fault, however, is not with the method, but with the theories of some of its teachers. Education is almost the only field of human activity in which the workman is permitted to whittle away at his own sweet will and then to blame the hole because the peg does not fit.

The deaf as a whole are neither very wise nor very simple. They are tired of all these warring methods which really make so little difference in the all-absorbing problem of earning bread and butter and very tired of condescension, dictation and exploitation. It is not to be wondered at that they consider the question of what "is good for them, and what is not," from a personal utilitarian standpoint. Of late, schools for the deaf seem to have realized that it is wise to consult the experience of their graduates in arranging their industrial courses—in other words, to teach such trades as the deaf can and do successfully follow, and we are hopeful that Mr. Tillinghast's courageous words, which seem to have failed to evoke the storm of dissent and protest which might have been expected from the time and place, are the first indications of new attitude towards the adult deaf on the part of educators—an earnest, in fact, that hereafter there will be a little less of the uncompromising devotion to the abstract purity of oralism, and a more practical desire to adapt the education of deaf children to the actual facts and conditions of life.

P. E. Diocese of Connecticut.

Rev. G. H. Heillon, Minister in charge.

SCHEDULE FOR FALL AND WINTER, D. V.
Hartford—First and Third Sunday, monthly, City Mission Room, 234 Pearl Street, at 4 P.M.
Bridgeport—Every Third Sunday, 7:30 P.M., St. Paul's Church's Parish House.

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Waterbury—Every Second and Fourth Sunday, St. John's Church, 7 P.M.

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THE PRESIDENCY OF THE N. A. D. IN 1910. THE FEDERATION.

This summer my good friend, Arthur L. Roberts, in the *Silent Success*, referred to me as good presidential timber to succeed the present head of the National Association of the Deaf. Other well-meaning and influential friends took up the suggestion and have asked for the word to pass my candidacy along. It looked to me like a good joke, but other letters received since made it imperative to declare my position in the matter. As early as April last, when the Puget Sound Association had under consideration an endorsement of Mr. Hanson's candidacy this gentleman referred to me as a possible rival for honor. I declared then, as I do now, that I am in no sense a candidate for office, and there I voluntarily pledged my support to Mr. Hanson for president, first, last and all the time. Whatever there may be held against me, I never have gone back on a word once given, cost me what it may. Such kind friends as Mr. Roberts and others who weigh only the good in a man, are rare jewels to possess, and while I can only thank them, I shall ask them to support the better man for the office. Mr. Hanson has all the qualifications needed for the successful chief executive. Diplomatic, gifted, cautious and without any known enemies, he is well able to carry out the policies of the present administration.

The federation will be the paramount issue of the next convention, and there is need of a man who can unite and cement all factions, and, I believe, such a man will be found in Mr. Hanson. There are some details in the federation plan in which he differs from others, including myself, but they are not essential and I am sure both sides will be amenable to reason and will make any reasonable concessions, without having to resort to the vulgar tactics as some have harassed almost every administration during the past sixteen years. Let everyone take counsel from the following speech of President Taft:

"We ought to avoid this acrimonious discussion that consigns everybody who is opposed to our view to perdition, and to having the most corrupt motives, and ascribes to those who stand with us only the purest motives. Life is too valuable to waste in anger and hatred and the charging and denunciation of our fellowmen when they don't deserve it."

"The truth is, my friends, this matter of hatred and resentment which accompanies the attribution of a bad motive to those who differ from you is a waste of nervous strength, of time, of worry, without accomplishing one single good thing."

"I don't know how it has been with you, but it has happened time and time again with me that some man has done something that I did not like, and that I have said in my heart: 'Times will change, and I will get even with that gentleman.' I don't profess to be free from those feelings at all. But it has frequently happened, I may say, generally, that time did come when I could get even with that man, and when that time came it seemed to me that it would show me no man at all if I took advantage. And so, my friends, what I am urging is less acrimony in public discussion—more charity with respect to each other as to what moves each man to do what he does, and not to charge dishonesty and corruption until you have a real reason for doing so. I am the last man to pardon or to mitigate wrongs against the public or against individuals."

I never voted for President Veditz in the past. I am sorry I did not know him better then. He can, if he says the word, be his own successor. No clique would be powerful enough to stem the tide of approval in his favor. But he has repeatedly declared that he positively will not accept a third term. In his devotion to the interests of the Association, he permitted his private business to suffer, and now it becomes necessary to devote his entire energies to building it up again. President Veditz during all the years of his administration has made the National Association the most aggressive, as well as progressive, in existence. His record of achieve-

ments stands out by itself, and Mr. Hanson, if elected, as I believe he will be, will have to work harder even with the united support of the federation, an advantage his predecessor did not have, to eclipse this record. The Civil Service victory has been published in every metropolitan and many country papers, an advertisement that ordinarily would have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and has been the means of calling attention to the progress the deaf have made as a class. It remains for the deaf press to advertise the fact extensively and induce our progressive young men and women to take advantage of the open doors. While perhaps not highly remunerative, they are more or less life positions, and as such are the best family insurance against hard times and depressions. They are a step upward above manual labor, and if this upward lift is continued, it is not only possible, but probable, higher bars will be let down. Our school superintendents could render efficient aid in preparing the older students for these positions. In case of failure to pass the Civil Service examination, they still have their trade training to fall back upon to earn their bread and butter.

The most absorbing topic under discussion for the past two years has been the federation problem. Much has been said in favor and much against it, and the most recent controversialists, instead of going forward, advocate a backward step by proposing to open membership to anybody and everybody—I mean to individuals only. What difference this offers from the present cumbersome organization, except in name, I have yet to learn. Others, like Mr. Hanson, advocate a halfway measure, opening the federation to individuals, State and local organizations alike—"for revenue purposes only"—so they declare. To them it is the only plan that can keep the mare going. State and local organization could not alone support the federation, so individuals are permitted to chip in. They also say they have not the time nor the money to waste on State conventions less than a hundred miles away, but believe that, for the sake of a few days' enjoyment, they would be able to make a trip of a thousand miles or two to attend the national convocation. Their plan, in my opinion, would lessen, almost destroy, the influence of the State association, and its object reduced to the level of an alumni association. Instead of simplifying the situation, it adds to its complexity. I see nothing alluring in this plan for either individuals or for associations. Being a member of the committee that is formulating a plan, it might be considered undiplomatic of me to publicly discuss the issue in advance of the publication of the report. But what I am about to say has neither this nor that to do with the report. The fundamental principle is to seek out a plan of government for the people, by the people and of the people. And, to my mind, nothing strikes me more forcibly than a federation of State associations. There are formidable obstacles that could be surmounted in time, and chief among them is the financial rock. So few State associations would come in during the first few years of the federation that perhaps there wouldn't be money enough in the treasury to buy a postage stamp. To overcome this the new constitution and new order of things need not go into effect until the required number of state associations have agreed to enter into the compact. This may mean years and a campaign of education, but during all these years the old order of things and the present organization could go right on as if nothing had happened. This would mean that the present individual assessment plan would have to be continued for the time being.

In some States there has been a hue and cry raised against State party bosses who run these State Associations under a "rule or ruin" policy. Under the circumstances the better element decline to join these associations. This is a matter with which the National Federation could not concern itself, except to provide for an honest ballot and a fair count and the right of appeal to the Federation. If the better element exhibited less apathy and greater interest and join-

ed in large numbers, the abuses in their State Association could hardly exist.

The ideal federation should be composed wholly of State associations that shall be assessed so much per capita on their actual membership, and regardless of what their own income revenues may be. The number of delegates should be apportioned according to their numerical strength. By that I mean one delegate for each certain number of members. All other details are minor issues and should be easily settled at a conference of the body politic. The State association, like the mother body, shall be an affiliation of all local or other bodies within the State. For example, the Gallaudet Assembly of San Francisco Club Amapola of Los Angeles, and the State Alumni Association, would become part and parcel of the California Association. The Illinois Association would have the powerful Pas-a-Pas Club and a half dozen other Chicago clubs, including the Epworth League, the Catholic Society, the College and State Institution Chapters of Chicago, dozens of similar associations scattered over the State, and the State Alumni Association.

The whole delegate business is not correctly understood. Everybody imagines the people are to foot the traveling bills. As a matter of fact the delegates will continue, as individuals do now, to pay their own expenses. Local associations which are affiliated with State associations could, if the plan is deemed feasible, elect and send their own delegation directly and accredit them to the State association. The State association could be directly represented by two or more delegates-at-large. This plan is largely in favor of many existing federations among the hearing. To make it a little clearer, the Gallaudet Assembly and Club Amapola would elect their own delegates, while the California Association would be represented by two delegates-at-large. This in brief is "the Regensburg plan," in distinction from others, but, as I have said before, all this is of minor importance and easily settled at a conference without screaming from the house-top.

It has been a long time since I have engaged in a public controversy, but I hope I have made myself clear and that I will be excused for any shortcomings. I beg the reader's kind indulgence.

OSCAR H. REGENSBURG,

VENICE-BY-SEA, CAL.,
Oct. 21, 1909.

Martin Bothwell Dead.

Martin Bothwell, said to be the oldest deaf-mute in Jefferson county, died Sunday night at his home, 1133 State Street, after a week's illness, aged 81 years, 6 months and 15 days. Mr. Bothwell had been in failing health for the past three or four years, but his condition did not become serious until a week ago.

Mr. Bothwell was born in Granville, Washington County. As a boy, with his parents, he moved to Depauville, this county, and at the age of 12 years entered a school for deaf-mutes in New York City, remaining there for 12 years. He then came to Watertown, where, in 1854, he was united in marriage to Miranda Chapin, a deaf-mute, whose home had been in or near Tylerville. Subsequently they took up their residence at Adams Centre, living in that village for 23 years. They returned to Watertown Mrs. Bothwell died nine years ago.

Early in life Mr. Bothwell learned the cobbler's trade and engaged in the making of boots and shoes during the greater part of his life. He was a member of the Adams Baptist church.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ida Vendewalker of this city, and three brothers, L. R. Bothwell, of Orion, Ill.; David Bothwell, of Hannibal, Oswego county, and Jeremiah Bothwell of Oswego.

The funeral will be held from his late home on Thursday at 2:30 P.M.

Rev. J. Foster Wilcox, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, will conduct the service. Interment will be made in Brookside cemetery. —*Watertown Times*, Nov. 20.

Only 10 per cent of the flowers of Europe have perfume.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

The strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin were heard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hull at 8 o'clock P.M., on Wednesday, November 17th. The marriage of Miss Inez Hull and Alfred Hamel took place. Rev. N. D. Grummond officiated orally. The bride was attended by her sister Lucy and Mr. May acted as best man. After the service, a wedding supper was excellently served in two rooms where covers for about thirty-five persons were laid. A wedding trip was not indulged in, but they at once commenced house-keeping. They were beautifully remembered by many presents from their relatives and friends. The presents were in solid silver, cut glass, useful and ornamental bric-a-brac, linen, paintings, etc. which all showed the popularity and high esteem that the couple were held in. Among these presents were: two dozen silver spoons, knives and forks from Inez's sister Lucy; dinner set and two bed blankets from Inez's mother; bedstead from her aunts; five dining chairs from John Die, of Syracuse; cut glass pieces from her friends; silver berry spoon, Fred. Lloyd; silver sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. B. Tilberry; silver pickle canister, Ed. Hamel; silver pickle fork, E. Gray; bed spread Mr. and Mrs. F. King; mantle clock, Mrs. and Miss Grossback; dining table and one-half dozen silver spoons, Miss Grossback; pictures with frames, Mr. and Mrs. N. Austin and son and Walter Johnson; toothpick case, Mrs. Bennett; bonbon dish, Miss L. Austin; and two lovely books from Rev. Mr. Grummond.

Last Sunday, November 14th, the Service at the Chapel of Christ Church was attended by the deaf-mute to whom Rev. Mr. Smiley spoke from the text in St. John on Friendship.

Miss Lavinia Austin expects to go away on a visit to her sister Clara, somewhere near Williamsport, Pa.

Mr. Henry Coe, anticipates going to Scranton.

Mr. Fred Lloyd, of Sidney, spent a Thanksgiving day with a sister here. F. H. K.

SERVICE FOR DEAF-MUTES.

Rev. J. W. Michaels, the evangelist to the deaf-mutes for the home mission board of the Baptist Convention, will hold a special service for the deaf-mutes on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday night he will give a reading at 7:30 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian Association hall, corner of Pryor Street and Auburn Avenue. His subject will be "By the Waters of Babylon." This is a very interesting lecture, reviewing the Jewish history and applying the lesson to the present conditions. All are invited.

On Sunday morning Mr. Michaels will attend the deaf-mute Bible class at St. Mark's church at 9:30 o'clock. The lessons will be given by the regular teacher. At 11 A.M. he will preach on Thanksgiving, using one of David's Thanksgiving Psalms as his text. At 7:30 P.M., Mr. Michaels will preach at the First Baptist church. The evening lesson will be from the 8th Chapter of Acts. The text, "Understandest thou what thou redest?" the question asked by Philip of the Ethiopian.

The services will consist, besides Dr. Michaels's sermon, of songs, rendered by the silent choir, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," "Revive Us Again," "I Am Thine, O Lord," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." At each service Dr. Michaels will render in signs the old hymns, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "Rocks of Ages."

Dr. Michaels's work in Atlanta has been singularly honored by conversions among the deaf-mutes and the general upbuilding of the silent community, of whom there are more than seventy within reach of these services. He travels the whole South, but says that Atlanta seems more alive to the needs of the deaf than any other city.

Many hearing persons would enjoy the services if they would attend, as the signs used by the deaf are beautiful expressions of the thought presented. All are invited to attend. —*Atlanta Constitution* Nov. 27.

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Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
Near the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base.
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

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At the Brooklyn dinner, given under Catholic auspices, in honor of the birthday anniversary of the Abbe de l'Epee, Rev. M. R. McCarthy invented a distinguishing sign for the Abbe.

It may be that Father McCarthy is unaware that Abbe de l'Epee has from time immemorial been known throughout the Old World, as well as by a considerable number in the New World, by a "distinguishing sign," which is made by drawing with a flourish an imaginary sword from its scabbard.

This sign is quite comprehensive to the deaf of the land of Abbe de l'Epee's nativity, as the word l'Epee is the equivalent to the English "the Sword."

Abbe de l'Epee engaged in no conflicts that demanded weapons of war. His was a life of peace and goodwill and unbounded benevolence. But he wielded the sword of love and charity in behalf of the benighted and neglected deaf and dumb.

His was a bloodless warfare, and his victories were those of peace; and, like all of the victories of peace, the benefit to humanity has been permanent and of steadily progressive growth.

With all respect for the innovation suggested at the De l'Epee dinner, we think the original "sign name" for the good Abbe is preferable to any that can be devised.

Masterpieces of Silent Sculptors.

By Walter Pach.

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Twenty-five years ago there appeared in Harper's Magazine an article on "The Poetry of the Deaf," and the extracts given from the work of such writers as Carlin, Nack, and Laura Bridgman (the Helen Keller of her time) showed what excellence might be attained even by those in whom the sense for spoken music was missing. The difficulties in the path of the deaf who try to produce poetry seem so obvious that we wonder that the idea of turning to art as a means of expression did not sooner come into prominence among them.

We are apt to forget how recent is the systematic training of deaf-mutes, whose status a few centuries ago was but little different from that of the idiotic. With the Abbe de l'Epee (1712) and later reformers in France and Holland, a change came about, and the progress was steady. William Henry Bishop, United States consul at Messina at the time of the earthquake and sometime teacher of the deaf, has described his visit to the Paris Institut National des Sourds et Muets in the old Faubourg St. Germain near the Rue de l'Abbe de l'Epee. A fine statue of this early benefactor stands before the door. It is the work of a deaf-mute sculptor, Felix Martin. He was rewarded for it by the ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

One must take the best men of our time to find the superiors of such artists as Paul Choppin and our own Douglas Tilden. As evidence, let me state that in a general competition for the honor of making a statue of Dr. Broca, the award was made to Choppin, though some sixty sculptors in possession of the sense of hearing also submitted designs. This was in 1889; the statue, cast in bronze, may now be seen on the

Boulevard St. Germain, Paris. Similarly, in 1895, the first prize in competition for a Bismarck monument went to Fritz Schneider, a deaf-mute.

Let us turn back to the careers of two of the silent artists of America. Albert Newsam was born deaf and dumb in 1809. He showed talent at an early age, and a desire to develop it. So he was allowed to attend the classes of the Pennsylvania Academy, after which he turned to lithography—in which work he continued all his life. Gifted with a strong sense of portraiture, his commissions for this species of work were numerous and important. Contemporary opinion pronounced him the equal of the best lithographers of France and England, and a complete set of his portraits of public men was acquired by the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the Capital of Harrisburg. The one of Chief Justice Marshall was considered the best likeness of that eminent jurist. A permanent memorial of the artist exists in the Gallaudet Monument at Hartford, of which Newsam was the designer. He died in 1864.

John Carlin was also a contributor to the Gallaudet Monument, one of the panels being by him. Born in 1813, he was, like Newsam, a Pennsylvanian. His professional studies were under Delarocche, and he spent ten years in the French capital. Returning to America in 1847, he opened a studio and was for many years a favorite with the public—his miniatures reaching the astonishing number of three thousand. Carlin's painting was of its time what the critic of to-day calls "old school," but it furnishes another proof that the deaf-mute need not bring his disabilities into question when compared with other artists. Mr. Carlin died in 1891, at the age of seventy-eight.

The case of Cadwallader L. Washburn is again that of a deaf-mute who has gone far beyond the limits which circumstances had apparently set for him. Mr. Washburn, a son of the famous miller who represented Minnesota in the United States Senate, was born in 1866 and graduated from Gallaudet College in 1890. It is probable that few of those who will recognize his name on this page thought at the time when they saw it signed to a series of fine illustrations of the Russo-Japanese war, that the man who was thus intrepidly following the armies could neither hear nor speak. Mr. Washburn has exhibited at the Salon, as have John Gordon Saxton, Redmond, and Carpenter, all deaf-mutes.

In 1889 honors were awarded to Felix Martin, as before related (Martin is the author of two statues on the facade of the Hotel de Ville) and Choppin, who was awarded a medal for Un Vanqueur de la Bastille. Another strong worker whose sculpture is to be seen at the annual exhibitions in Paris is Fernand Hamar, author of the Rochambeau statue at Washington.

For a strong close to this list of determined workers I reserve the name of Douglas Tilden. What visitor to the World's Fair of '93 does not recall the Combat with a Grizzly? Or that figure of a ball-player which stands in Golden Gate Park? Does any San-Franciscan need to be told that this athlete of America, delighting artist and layman alike, is by his deaf-mute townsman? It was Tilden whom Mayor Phelan selected to do the Memorial Fountain which he presented to the city. At the St. Louis Exposition also Tilden had one of the groups. A writer and of brilliant intellect, Douglas Tilden is the strongest as well as the ablest of the deaf-mute artists of modern America.

Notice.

At a recent meeting of the Bishop and Clergy of the Archdiocese of Erie, (Diocese of Pittsburgh), it was voted that a call be extended to the Rev. Franklin B. Smielau to look after the deaf-mute work in that Archdiocese. Mr. Smielau has accepted the call and will take up the work at once. All deaf-mutes in the archdiocese of Erie are requested to send their names and addresses to the Missionary as soon as possible, and he will make arrangements for holding services in the several towns where there are at least five deaf-mutes. The address of the missionary is Rev. Franklin C. Smielau, Box 342, Montoursville, Pa.

W. DEWITT HIMBROD,

ERIE, PA.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Witschiel, of Port Jervis, N. Y., returned to their home last Monday, November 29th, after an extended visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William Stiles Bissett and family at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. George H. Witschiel, of Arlington, N. J., entertained at their elegantly appointed dinner on 28th inst. in honor of their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Witschiel, of Port Jervis, N. Y. Mrs. H. M. Kuhnast of Hoboken, N. J., Mrs. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hillebrandt, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dafee, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa.

MARRIED—On Thanksgiving day, at the residence of the bride, in York, Pa. Rev. Franklyn C. Smielau united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony William T. Martin and Mary J. Eisenhart. The couple will reside at Hampstead, Maryland.

Miss Grace H. Hastings has returned to East Aurora after two months' visit with Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Smielau, at Montoursville, Pa.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE.

Last Monday night Mr. Clarke interpreted for a party of the college boys a lecture on Esperanto, given in the Carnegie Library by an eminent instructor in that language. The lecture was greatly enjoyed by the boys, the more so because of Mr. Clarke's inimitable expression.

Examinations and the Christmas holidays are rapidly approaching, and between dread of the one and anticipation of the other, verily we are torn with conflicting emotions! Friday night Dr. Draper conducted the second of this term's Faculty lectures, taking for his subject, "Two Rustic Enterprises, the Support of a Village." The story was how the steel square and an improved apple were conceived in rustic minds, and how the humble conceptions broadened into industries that are even now responsible for the prosperity of Shaftesbury, Ct.

At the conclusion of Dr. Draper's lecture, Dr. Gallaudet, assisted by Miss Gallaudet, received the Freshman class at his home. All reported a most enjoyable time as the Doctor's guests, and departed with considerable reluctance when all was over.

The real climax of the week came Saturday night. The members of the Gallaudet Chapter of the Y. W. C. A. gave a candy bazaar in the chapel, and very inconsiderately bagged all the shekels we fellows had stowed away for Christmas joys. A neat sum was realized by the young ladies for their pet charities, and in every way the affair was a huge success.

ATHLETICS.

Formal announcement was made in the papers this week of the preparations of the Gallaudet mat artists for the coming wrestling tournaments in this city.

Not for a long time have our prospects in this branch of sport appeared so favorable. Captain Holliday has fifteen men at work from whom to choose Buff and Blue representatives for the coming meets. Of this number two are present holders of District championship titles, and two others are only waiting their chance to land more titles from fellows that have laid low with the laurels. The former are Erickson, master of those who style themselves "heavies;" and Mosey, our formidable champion of the light weights. The latter are Isackson, who aspires to middle-weight honors; and Gardner, who will no doubt put it all over Lockhead, present champion, if only given a square deal, which many are of the opinion that he didn't get when Lockhead got the decision over him two years ago. Bailey and Holliday are doing good work at about welterweights, and Jones looks good as a possible titleholder in the featherweight class. Hughes and Lapides are promising little bantams, and will no doubt be heard from.

All the above men have worked under Tom Williams, our famous wrestler of recent years, and show the benefits of his teachings. Williams still takes an interest in the squad, and comes out once in a while with helpful suggestions.

T. L. A.

GENEVA, N.Y.

Mrs. John Bows, of Geneva, N. Y., very pleasantly entertained fourteen friends and relatives Saturday evening, November 27th, in honor of her birthday anniversary.

Flinch and hearts were played, after which a supper was served. Mrs. Bows received many pretty and useful presents.

The prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. John Connerton, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tuttle and Miss Mary Garvey. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. John Connerton, Mr. and Mrs. John Bows, Mrs. Charles Hanes, Mrs. Thomas Avery, of Syracuse; Mrs. Anna Cathir, Mr. Henry Cook, Misses Mary Garvey, Ruby Cook and Bridget Cosgrove, of Clifton Springs, N. Y.

Mrs. John Connerton, of Geneva, N. Y., entertained ten friends Saturday evening, December 4th, in honor of her birthday anniversary. Flinch and hearts consisted of the chief amusement.

After the games refreshments were served those present.

Mrs. Connerton was the recipient of several pretty presents. Mrs. John Bows won the first prize in flinch, and Mr. Bows the booby prize.

Mr. John Connerton won the prize in hearts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. John Bows, Misses Mary Garvey and Bridget Cosgrove, and Mr. Michael O'Neil.

Mrs. F. M. Tuttle recently visited her friends in Auburn, N. Y., and while there attended a surprise party in honor of Miss May Brown. She reports having had a lovely time.

Miss Eva Coxie spent a quiet, happy, birthday on December 4th. She received a good many presents, most of them being post-cards. A few friends spent the evening with her very pleasantly.

ST. LOUIS.

Miss Delia Pearce, who seldom mingles in our social circles, showed up recently on Sunday, at Zion Lutheran Church. Her friends were glad to see her.

Miss Mary Huber departed one Sunday morning for Aton, Ill., where she spent the day, visiting a nephew.

J. G. Overbeck carries his left hand in a bandage, which he injured, while at a ball in Carondelet. It is mending nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palecek and Miss Clara Fey are permanent residents in the same block and on the same street. The former owns a fine brick house at 1514 Agnes Street, while the latter resides with her brother at 1524 Agnes Street.

Mrs. Sarah Pancake, writing from Springfield, Mo., says she is enjoying life with her relatives there. Although that city claims to have forty-five thousand inhabitants, it is practically a dead city compared to St. Louis. Moral: "Stay in St. Louis!"

Mrs. Ida Esslinger, of Springfield, Mo., and her children, have packed up bag and baggage and departed for Sulphur Springs, Ark. Mrs. Esslinger being the youngest sister of Mrs. Pancake, is well known in local deaf circles.

B. F. Vernel, of Collinsville, Ill., was in St. Louis, Sunday afternoon, where he was a spectator at the entertainment given at 901 N. Garrison Avenue.

Misses Nellie Ryan and Kate Batley are still the old guards, at 1849 Cass Avenue, where the Institute for Deaf Girls held forth for a number of years. Since the school moved away Miss Bartley feels pretty lonesome, while Miss Ryan goes out very frequently.

Joe Miller departed last Sunday morning for Jennings Station, Mo., where he spent the day visiting his friend Harry Bomb.

Oscar Spotts, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived here Thursday week for a four days' stay, visiting friends.

Benj. Hall, who left this city about two years ago, returned last week for a permanent stay. He is from Tennessee and has a good job here.

The magnificent chapel on the second floor of 901 N. Garrison Avenue has a set of eighteen new pews. An aisle runs through the middle of the chapel. The timber is imported Georgia pine, but the pews are made in St. Louis.

While out hunting, at his favorite haunts at Kampville, Mo., on November 16th, Oscar Block took high aim and brought down fifty-six ducks with his trusty gun.

Allen Green, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived here Sunday week, for ten days' sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Blevins departed Thanksgiving eve for Brighton, Ill., to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wad.

Thanksgiving afternoon and evening a household of mutes gathered at the house of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clark. It was to tender a birthday party to Mr. Clark. He was surprised as well as pleased at the event. He received a number of presents. All had a royal good time.

Thanksgiving Day, H. C. McCamley boarded a Frisco train for Webster Grove, Mo., where he visited a friend, who owns a large vine garden.

THE ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS.

On Thanksgiving afternoon, a fine crowd of mutes gathered at the Institution at 901 N. Garrison Ave., to attend the entertainment in store for them. The principal event of the day was "pinning the donkey's tail." A picture of a donkey was hung on the wall and each person contributing a penny a piece was blindfolded and turned around several times. Quite a good number of mutes pinned their white ribbon on or near the proper spot, while others went very wide of the mark.

Miss Lizzie Howard, late of Kansas City, Mo., holding ribbon No. sixty-one, won the first prize for pinning the donkey's tail.

The second contest was between Miss Fannie McFarland and Mrs. Gibbons, which resulted in a tie game. It finally resulted in Mrs. Gibbons winning.

The third prize for pinning the donkey's tail was awarded to Mrs. Gibbons.

The fourth for adults was also given to Mrs. Gibbons, after resulting in a tie game between herself and Miss Allard.

In another corner of the hall another contest was going on among the smaller girls of the school. It was also a donkey-pinching game. The following girls were winners: Misses Irene O'Grady, Helena Silver, Ella Wobbe and Rose Creighton.

Pres. Gibbons, of the St. Francis De Sales Society, scattered a handful of pennies over the western part of the hall. It set the little girls wild with excitement to hunt for them. The above entertainment was given for the purpose of raising more funds to pay for the three dozen fine folding chairs donated by the society to be used in the lecture hall.

After being away all summer, Miss Hatie Bolin returned to this

city, and will take up her abode with her mother.

At the Thanksgiving entertainment at 901 N. Garrison Avenue, another contest is scheduled for the possession of a handsome doll that will be given away to the person guessing the correct name to it by Sister Borgia. The contest is open to any person depositing an nickel, and entitled to a guess. The doll is the handiwork of Miss Mary Kaufman, who is an expert in making such a fine figure.

On Thanksgiving Day, Messrs. F. Kilbeck, of Aviston, Ill., and Joseph Streb, of Trenton, Ill., and Miss Grace Hill, of Carlyle, Ill., spent the whole day with Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, where they partook of a sumptuous turkey dinner. All the trio departed homeward on an evening train, well pleased with their reception in St. Louis. In the evening Misses Ostrander and Knichols were treated to a turkey supper, that was properly done up brown and to a turn by Miss Aldrich, who is a first-class cook. Theodore Rigge purchased a fat turkey weighing eighteen pounds and it was on the Aldrich table. The turkey lasted two days.

Harry Aldrich has a steady job working for Thos. Coleman, a contractor of grand old work. It will be remembered that Mr. Coleman had a deaf-mute brother, Martin Coleman, working for him. Martin met his death by accidental drowning, a few years ago, in a pond, in Northwest St. Louis.

Mrs. M. Trapp, of Louisville, Ky., who has been visiting her son, G. W. Trapp, for several weeks, departed for home Sunday week.

Mrs. S. A. Kugelmann recently returned from a two weeks' visit to her parents' home, in Darmstadt, Ill. A big jubilee celebration in honor of her father's and mother's birthday, which took place on November 10th and 13th, together with a fifty years' continuance as a carpenter. Mrs. Kugelmann says she had the time of her life while there.

The Point of View.

Mr. J. Aldison McIlvaine, Jr., makes a touching plea for the feeble-minded deaf cast out of the citadel of pure oratism in Pennsylvania, and George W. Veditz denounces the exclusion of such a large proportion of the Deaf from an education, as the "Slaughter of the Innocents." It all depends on the point of view.

I can well remember the time when the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf held different views from Mr. McIlvaine and his confederates in Dr. Crouter's select and Fashionable Boarding School at Mt. Airy.

A group of students from Gallaudet College, myself among the number, were making a tour of the old Institution on Broad Street, under the guidance of Mr. Ziegler, now the "Big Chief of the Deaf Pale Faces of Pennsylvania," and when we came to the class room of Prof. Kirkhuff, who was well known in the profession and had written a series of able articles on educational subjects in the *American Annals*, and was greatly beloved by the men and women he had taught, he seemed unwilling to exhibit his class in their lessons, on the plea that he taught a "dunce class."

Mr. Ziegler remarked in an aside that it was true, because Prof. Kirkhuff could do more to awaken the dormant intelligence of dull pupils, than any other teacher; and for that reason, he was given the most difficult class, but he liked it, on account of the scientific study he made of the pupils' minds.

In these unsophisticated days, when the educational system had not been long drawn out to the refinement of cruelty, the slow and dull pupils were not then called "feeble-minded" and shut out of the walls of the Institution. As a matter of fact, we do not hear of any talk of "Feeble-Minded Deaf" outside of Pennsylvania. Like the blind-deaf, they are so few and far between as to pass a most unnoticed elsewhere. In the last analysis, such a large proportion of the Pennsylvania's feeble-minded deaf will be found not to be so much wanting in intelligence that they can not be taught under the proper methods.

Prof. Kirkhuff, upon being pressed, put his "dunces" through their paces for our benefit, and to say that we were astonished at their proficiency in simple English and Arithmetic, would be putting it mildly. True, it was drill work, but it is such drill work as makes a soldier shoot straight.

It strikes me that if the Mt. Airy School should hire a teacher like Prof. Kirkhuff and gave him a free rein in the handling of his class of "feeble-minded," there would be more of them found capable of improvement even under the oral method.

Mr. McIlvaine entertains a tender solicitude for the future of the feeble-minded. I can tell him in a few words what will become of them under the present system of exclusion—they will go into the jails and almshouses. Mr. McIlvaine can put this past into his pipe and smoke it in his hours of relaxation from the arduous labors of instructing the bright and quick-witted semi-mutes of his class.

FREE LANCE.

PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reider, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Coming to the meeting of the Clerc Literary Association announced last Thursday evening, second of December, Mr. Ellis D. Lit, gave a very interesting account of his recent travels in Europe and Egypt. Mr. Lit had consulted guide books and then made the trip on his own book. He had both amusing and adventurous times, but always managed to come out well, and, whatever the inconvenience, he took it good naturedly. He was away about four months.

Mr. Frank W. Booth, of Washington, D. C., has been asked to address the Philadelphia Local Branch at its meeting next Saturday evening, December 11th, in All Souls' Guild Hall. His acceptance has not been received up to this writing, but, in case he is unable to be on hand, we may expect an address from a lady.

The Gallaudet Club will hold its annual dinner at the new Bingham Hotel, 11th and Markets Streets, on Friday evening, December 10th.

Miss Jeanne Huntzinger, who left the city for her home in Tremont, Pa., last November 3d, returned on Sunday, for an extended stay with a sister, on North Thirty-first Street. Sunday evening, a number of friends surprised her by a call. Those calling were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell and daughter, Mary, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Underwood and daughters, Lottie and Alice. Miss Dora Kintzel, Miss Mary E. Taylor, Miss Hannah Reidy, and Miss Martha Livingstone.

The Men's Club of All Souls' Mission will hold its next regular meeting, on Tuesday evening, December 21st.

Rev. O. J. Whildin, of Baltimore, Md., is scheduled to lecture before the Clerc Literary Association, on this Thursday evening, December 9th. On the following Sunday, 12th, the Rev. Mr. Whildin will preach the sermon at All Souls' Church.

The date of the banquet of the Men's Club is January 28th, 1910. The year 1909 was erroneously given in the first announcement.

Mrs. Annie A. Schreiner will give an Enchere Party for the benefit of the Home in the near future.

An Easton writer gives us the name of the woman who was recently found selling court-plaster at that place. Her offensive ways led to her being forced to leave the place to her alleged home in this city. The name given is not a familiar one, but we shall inquire about her.

All Souls' has just come into possession of three historic old pictures which were shown for the first time last Sunday afternoon. They are drawings of the Paris Institution in the time of Clerc, and portraits of prominent French educators and deaf of the early period. They belonged to Clerc, then to the late Rev. Dr. Clerc, and by him, presented to Rev. Mr. Syle. Mrs. Syle donated the pictures and Mr. H. J. Haight donated the frames. They are acceptable gifts.

Mrs. Geo. T. Sanders is arranging a Mum Party for the benefit of All Souls' Mission. It will be held on the evening of December 31st, in All Souls' Hall.

Some of our friends send us news items that reach us on Tuesdays, when it is too late to insert them in this column. They should reach us not later than Monday evening, or better send earlier. We shall be glad to get items of interest to make this column more interesting every week. All help will be thankfully appreciated.

IOWA AND NEBRASKA CONVENTIONS.

TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME NEXT SUMMER.

At the Convention held at Waterloo, Iowa, in the summer of 1908, it was decided to have the Iowa Convention at Council Bluffs, before the World's Congress of the Deaf, at Colorado Springs in 1910.

Nebraska will hold a meeting of the State Association at Omaha, at the same time. It has been the desire of both States to have the meetings at the same time just before the National Association for the Deaf is held. Iowa will visit the Nebraska Association and Nebraska will return the visit.

They will probably have a Field Day together, and have a grand ball at Omaha.

Both will extend an invitation to the deaf of the East to attend.

It will be pleasant if the deaf from the East will meet here, and all can journey together to Colorado Springs.

Come one! Come all! Bring your friends, and help swell two conventions. Iowa and Nebraska will both make conventions interesting and attractive.

It will be a pleasure to many, if A. L. Pach, of 935 Broadway, New York, will be present with camera, to have a few snap-shots of the conventions.

CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF-MUTES.

NEW YORK DISTRICT NOTICES.

St. Ann's Church, N. Y. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
December 5th, Holy Communion, December 25th, Holy Communion, 10:30 A.M.

St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
December 19th, Anniversary Service of the Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes, 7:45 P.M.
December 26th, Holy Communion, DECEMBER 12TH.

St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, 10:30 A.M.
Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M., Holy Communion.
St. Paul's Church, Newburgh, 4 P.M., Holy Communion.

DECEMBER 19TH.
St. Paul's Church, Paterson, N. J., 9:30 A.M., Holy Communion.
Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., 3 P.M., Holy Communion.

DECEMBER 26TH.
St. John's Church, Stamford, Ct., 9:30 A.M., Holy Communion.
Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M.
St. Paul's Church, Newburgh, 4 P.M.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH FOR THE DEAF.

Franklin Street above Green, Phila., Pa.

REV. C. O. DANTZER, Pastor, 3525 N. Nineteenth Street.

Services every Sunday at 2:30 P.M. (Except during July and August, 10:30 A.M.)

Holy Communion—First Sunday of the month.

Bible Class, immediately after services.

Clerc Literary Association meets every Thursday, after 7:30 o'clock.

CHURCH NOTICES.

DIOCESES OF HARRISBURG, BETHLEHEM AND WESTERN NEW YORK, AND THE ERIE ARCHDEACONRY IN THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURG.

REV. FRANKLIN C. SMIELAU, Missionary, Box 342, Montoursville, Pa.

First Sunday—Morning, Lancaster; Afternoon, Steelton; Evening, York.

Second Sunday—Morning, Easton; Afternoon, Allentown; Evening, Reading.

Third Sunday—Afternoon, Scranton; Evening, Wilkes Barre.

Fourth Sunday—Rochester and Buffalo.

Week Day Services by Special Announcement.

Southern Dioceses.

REV. OLIVER J. WHILDIN, General Missionary.

Church services are held in the following places by the lay-readers mentioned on such Sundays and other days, and at such hours as are locally announced. The general missionary visits these and numerous other stations throughout the South at intervals to be appointed and locally made known.

LAY-READERS.

NEW YORK.

News items for this column, should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

Abbe de l'Epee's one hundred and ninety-eighth natal day was celebrated with fitting honor over in Brooklyn, evening of November 28th, when the society bearing his name, and of which Sylvester J. Fogarty is president, assumed the part of host to over one hundred deaf ladies and gentlemen. Young Eugene Lynch, as Master of Ceremonies, was a notable success, handling the duties with a grace and serenity that would have done credit to a past master in the role. Julius Kieckers, the shining genius of the Xavier Deaf-Mute Club, was the orator of the evening, his tribute to the "Father of the Deaf of the World" being a creditable effort. President Fogarty's welcome was so well rendered in the language De l'Epee fostered and brought to perfection, that his most intimate friends were obliged to sit up and take notice. The reverend director of the organization, M. R. McCarthy, S. J., made a few remarks, commendatory of the life and noble work of the Abbe, and by way of distinguishing him, introduced the manual letters D and L above the forehead as the sign he was to be known by. It found favor, and the seal of copy-right was put on it then and there. Father McCarthy incidentally brought to mind the good Abbe's 200th anniversary was only two years off, recommending it was none too early to begin planning a grand celebration to commemorate that occasion. Father McCarthy also hinted it a good time for the Catholic deaf to bring to the fore the matter of a church of their own, with a resident, and we might add, an irremovable rector. It was but the preliminary step to the planting of the seed, from which there is little doubt Father McCarthy, himself, will be largely instrumental in having it bear fruit.

Master Charles Wynn, one of Prof. Lyons' bright pupils, captured the \$5 prize for the best essay on De l'Epee, but was pressed hard in his effort by Richard Birmingham, a classmate whose composition was commended for its excellence. A quartet of pretty school misses from St. Joseph, Fordham, with Miss Burke directing, rendered in concert an appropriate selection, and were given lots of applause.

The rest of the evening, until near eleven-thirty, was devoted to games and social converse, except for the interim when Miss Sadie Morris headed a corps of pretty girls in serving the guests dainty bites of ice cream and Nabisco wafers. The appointments of the Knights of Columbus main hall could not have been improved on anywhere else in town for accommodating a like gathering of the deaf.

The bazaar given in the Guild Room of St. Ann's Church on Saturday evening, December 4th, netted the sum of \$37 for the treasury of the Guild of Silent Workers.

Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, introducing Mr. Kesselman, through whose selfless generosity the affair was given, said in substance:—

"I do not believe that any good is accomplished by harshness or abuse. I believe in kindness and helpfulness and consideration, no matter how low in intelligence an individual may be. Mr. Kesselman is not a man of brilliant mentality. He came from Russia poor and ignorant. Yet he is trying to be helpful, and this night has accomplished much for the benefit of others."

Mr. Kesselman, in his natural signs, told the story of his life which had been filled with hardships and trouble.

Quite a large crowd was present, and each received a souvenir from a great variety of useful and ornamental articles that Mr. Kesselman had donated.

Brooklyn Division, 23, of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, held its annual election last Saturday evening, December 4th, at their rooms in the Arcanum Building, Bridge Street. The new officers are:—President, Harry P. Kane; Vice-President, Archie McLaren; Secretary, S. Rosenthal; Treasurer, Wilbur Bowers; Director, Alex. L. Pach; Trustees F. Eeka, J. M. Black, J. Landau; Sergeant-at-Arms, Alex. Dezerdoni.

Three new members were admitted, being John O'Brien, Theo. I. Lounsbury and F. Dingman, which brings the membership to forty. Though only three new members were admitted, the evening saw ten applications for membership. Of these one was flatly rejected by both the local and headquarters physicians, two were tentatively rejected, but both physicians suggested re-examinations in three months. Another applicant's papers were held up for one month, and two others came at the close of the meet-

ing to fill up initial petitions for membership.

President Kane did not seek a re-election, but the members were practically a unit in insisting he remain at the helm.

Miss Arabella Clovertop Grogan failed in his, or, rather, her suit for breach of promise against Dabrown Smyth Lynch, at the Xavier Club Court, Dec. 5, Judge Bunkerhill Clay Cassidy presiding. The court was comfortably filled when the learned legal gentlemen, Hon. John O'Donnell, representing the defendant, and Col. J. O'Brien the fair Miss Arabella, began their arguments. The latter's witnesses were her sister, Mrs. Louise Cathor Busby, and her petite young daughter, Miss Katherine Murray Busby.

Court Clerk Joe Schmidt fairly paralyzed the jury men by his dignity, and the way he cried for "Order in the Court." His call down for laxity on the part of the jury was in this way: "You don't know how much you have to know in order to know how little you know," and the twelve men and true answered the roll-call thusly: P. D. Quick Sullivan, A. Bardcase Mattes, M. T. Head Newman, Greenhorn Driscoll, Chow Chow Pons, Deadbeat Goeltz, Snowball Schmitt, Numbskull Sunderhauf, Swindler Hanson, Moriarity Matthews, Monsieur Fogarty. The attendants were Joe O'Donnell, Joe Mattes and Willie O'Donnell.

The trial was over inside of two hours, due to the damaging admissions of the plaintiff's brother, De Barker Clovertop, and Mrs. Busby's better-half, J. Gillen Busby. They admitted having played poker with the defendant, contradicting the evidence of Mrs. Busby. She alone was present during the calls of Smyth, when her sister was visiting at her house. The effect on the plaintiff, when the jury foreman, Zweigler Hugo Schmidt, announced a verdict of "Arson in the 4th degree," with damages of One Cent, was very affecting, she having to be removed from the court room on an escalator. Judge Cassidy thanked the jury for their strict attention, and concluded his summing up with complimentary remarks on the dignified way in which the trial had been conducted. In fact, all connected therewith, even to Prosecutor Billykickers, are deserving of unstinted praise, and well earned the plaudits of those present during the trial.

Mr. William Aalbee, of Flatbush, Mr. G. Arensky, of Brooklyn, and B. Freitag, of Williamsburg, were lucky winners of the handsome prizes at the Charity Ball, in Avon Hall, Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, on Saturday, November 20th, 1909. The prizes are: First, a ton of coal; second, a leather dress suit case; and third, a lady's fine leather hand bag. They are highly pleased with them.

Eleven deaf-mute families of Brooklyn were made quite happy by the receipt of Thanksgiving turkeys and other nice things.

Mr. George L. Reynolds has been sick at Cumberland Street Hospital since several weeks ago. He is getting better now. Mr. William G. Gilbert visited Mr. George L. Reynolds there last Sunday afternoon, December 5th.

Mr. W. Morris has been sick at Kings Co. Hospital, Flatbush. Mr. Morris' leg was broken by an accident by a collision of sail boats at Canarsie, L. I., one Sunday two months ago. He will have to stay at the hospital several weeks until his leg gets better. Mr. Morris is a graduate of Fanwood, is married and has three children. He is a cabinetmaker and repairer for a furniture company.

The old difficulty that New Yorkers used to experience in finding entertainment halls in Brooklyn will not be an issue this year. New Yorkers going to Brooklyn to attend the N. F. S. D. Fancy Dress Ball on February 5th, have only to take any subway express marked Brooklyn, and after passing Bowling Green station, and making trip under the river, leave the train at Borough Hall, the first Brooklyn stop, and walk one block further and find themselves at Fulton Street and Red Hook Lane, just off Fulton Street. Imperial Hall is not unlike any first-class place of the kind in New York, and the ball room is certainly as fine in appointment as any in New York. The restaurant serves the best in the market at very reasonable prices.

The Christmas Festival at St. Ann's Church will be held on Wednesday evening, December 29th. In connection with the usual gifts there will be a good play, entitled "A Father's Choice."

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Redington, on Friday, December 3d. Mother and baby are doing well.

Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf.

Services every Friday evening, at 8:15 o'clock sharp, at Temple Beth Israel Bikur Cholim, (Vestry room) 72d Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

All are welcome to the services. SAMUEL COHEN, Leader.

OHIO.

(News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 955 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.)

December 4, 1909.—The Annual Fall Social of the Columbus Ladies' Aid Society last Saturday evening, given in the Art Studio and Cooking School of Bushnell Hall, was a success financially, for the society can crow over the fact that it is over \$160 richer as a consequence. The entertainment began at four o'clock and closed at nine, and during its course there was a constant stream of visitors. The only complaint heard was the necessity of climbing three flights of stairs to get to the place, and it is not likely the place will be selected again. The girls' playroom seems to be the general favorite for such affairs, as it is easy of access and large enough to hold all. Supper and refreshments were served in the cooking school room. The art studio was given up to the sale of articles. Every member of the society took some part in the affair—there were no drones, and hence its success. Left overs such as pies, cakes, etc., were auctioneered off by Mr. Schory, and he took care that all articles brought good prices before being knocked down to the highest bidder.

A number of out-of-town deaf attended the affair and helped to swell the proceeds, while others who could not lend their presence sent articles for the domestic table, or money. The Hart Ice-Cream Company did a generous act in donating seven of the twenty gallons of ice-cream ordered, free of charge.

Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Byers, who have been Superintendent and Matron of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf for a number of years, bade farewell to the place and moved down to Columbus, where they will make their home on Oak Street. Mr. Byers will engage in the drumming business, having secured the agency of a veterinary concern. Their successors, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Chapman, came down from their home in Lorain the same day, and were installed Thursday afternoon, by Mr. Schory, who accompanied them up. We bespeak for them and the Home a successful administration, as they come with the highest of credentials as to character and business qualifications.

Christian Hege, of Fairfield County, who was a pupil of the school here from 1851 to 1858, and will be sixty-nine years old next February, was admitted into the Home last Saturday. He had been living with his sisters on a farm since leaving school, but as they broke up housekeeping his brother, Mr. Levi Hege, of Columbus, Indiana, made arrangements for his care at the Home. Though nearly threescore and ten, he is quite active and robust. He was glad to meet Mrs. Ohlinger, Mrs. Vanderveer, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Townsend, whom he had known at school.

Mr. Thomas Crowley sent us a copy of the *Canton Repository* of the 30th ult., which contained the following:

John Deible, forty-three, a deaf-mute living on the J. A. Mohler farm four miles northwest of Canton went to New Berlin Station, Tuesday morning to buy a red bandana handkerchief and it cost him his life. While he was returning a south bound B. & O. passenger train hit the wagon on which Deible was riding, killing him.

The accident occurred about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning on the New Berlin-Massillon road, several miles north of Canton. Deible had been to New Berlin Station. He did not hear the approach of the train and drove directly in front of it, the engineer says.

Deible was thrown some distance. When picked up he was dead.

The body was placed on the train and brought to Canton where it was taken to Miller & Blanchard's morgue.

Deible was separated from his wife, who is also a deaf-mute. It is said that in spite of their inability to talk or hear, they quarreled and their married life was not happy.

Deible's father, John, Sr., a brother Charles, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Bielsien, survive. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Deible was a pupil here in the latter part of the sixties. His wife's maiden name was Mary McGowan. The Stark County deaf seem to have an affinity for railroad track walking, despite the oft-repeated warning given to them to keep off. We know five or six of that County, who have met their fate from the same cause.

Circular letters accompanied pupil's announcing to parents and guardians that the holiday vacation of the school will begin December 24th, and continue to January 8th, 1910. All pupils who go home are expected to be promptly at school again on the latter date. Parents are to furnish transportation for their children. The teacher of each class will see to the going home of his pupils, and make the

necessary arrangements for such with parents.

The father of Mr. Joseph Neutzing died last Friday evening, and the remains were buried Sunday, his six sons acting as pall-bearers.

Among the out of town visitors to the Ladies' Fair were Mr. and Mrs. Sooy Dresback, David Dresback, Mrs. Jennie Arnold, Miss Carrie Lingle, Mrs. Fox, Clarence Strimmel, Joseph Anell and James Naylor.

Miss Orpha Tong deserves mention for her efforts for the fair. She sold \$12.70 worth of tickets for chances in a burnt wood lot-bowl, which she burnt and donated. Miss Margaret Foady, employed in the Columbus Lithograph Co., secured it. Miss Florence Ethel also donated an embroidered centerpiece and raised \$8.50 for its sale.

Clyde Settlemyre, of Lima, was a visitor here, Sunday.

Clifton's next will have Mr. McGregor, Saturday evening, December 11th, give a reading of the "Tollers of the Sea." Admission, five and ten cents.

The Advance Society held its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, Mr. A. H. Schory was admitted as a member. The purchasing committee announced that in conjunction with the Ladies' Aid Society, chinaware and cutlery to the amount of \$31 had been purchased. The report was approved. Each society will pay half. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, proposing such benefits and funeral expenses, were reported from the committee. Messrs. McGregor and Zorn. They were considered and then action upon them was postponed to a special meeting, to be held December 7th.

Mr. Schory entertained the members for some time with an account of Peary's discovery of the North Pole, and gave his reasons why he thought Dr. Cook's claims for the honor were shaky.

According to the *Kentucky Standard*, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hoy welcomed a daughter into their household November 15th, and have named her Clover. By the way, all the children's Christian names begin with C—Carson, Carmen, Clover.

"CLEVELAND CHIPS"

The several deaf employed in the city departments are beginning to feel nervous as the time draws near when the new city officers-elect take hold, January 1st. We hope the new officials will be generous enough to allow them to remain as long as they give satisfaction in their work.

Friends who had no opportunity to meet newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Winemiller, now making their home in Colorado Springs, are making life miserable for Davy Friedman, inquiring of him about them. He suggests that the Colorado correspondent mention them occasionally and thus relieve him of answering questions.

Fred Mettenberger! Oh well he is still among the living and Cleveland is his home. The other day he had quite an amusing incident. A strong wind happened to blow off a lady's headgear. She had two big baskets full of marketing, and left them near the car line while she gave chase to her hat as best she could, being quite athletic. Fred being of a gallant nature especially to ladies, took charge of the baskets and allowed no one near them.

When the lady returned, Fred politely surrendered his trust, but before being thanked, the lady uncovered one of the baskets took out a bag and purse and showed a roll of money which when she had counted amounted to two hundred dollars. Then with a smile she politely dismissed the guardian of her wealth with a "Thank you." Fred thinks women are poor bankers when it comes to giving rewards.

The Thanksgiving Social given by the Ladies' Aid Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stottler, 693 East 101th Street, was a pleasant and successful affair. Over fifty deaf attended and the society realized over fifteen dollars.

The Cleveland Association of the Deaf held its regular meeting at Goodrich House, Saturday evening, November 27th. The unusual warm weather made the attendance very large. The Association extended its sympathy to Mrs. Herman Koelle, upon the death of her beloved mother. The celebration of Gallaudet Day, on Friday evening, December 10th, was discussed, and money was voted to boost it.

Mr. Kreigh Ayers, chairman of the programme committee, promised a swell time. Rev. Zorbaugh and a few others are expected to speak. Refreshments will be served. Non-members will be charged an admission fee of ten cents. Treasurer McGinness reported the finances of the Association, and announced forty-one dollars on hand. Mr. Friedman stated that December 15th will be the date for the Gates-Dwyer trial. It will be remembered that last summer the wife of Thomas Dwyer was killed by an automobile driven by Gates.

A few weeks ago the defendant's attorney appealed for a deposition on the ground that the first witness was in Seattle, Wash. Judge Vickery, of the Circuit Court considering the seriousness of Dwyer's condition at the city Infirmary, re-

plied that the defendant has enough time to bring his witness here, and set December 16th for the trial. The association's side will be represented by attorneys J. C. Logue and A. F. Ingersoll, with Mrs. E. E. Bates as interpreter. All Cleveland deaf are invited to attend, as the trial will be interesting and instructive. This announcement was followed by a review of the Dwyer affair by the President of the Association, for the benefit of those who did not have an opportunity to read all the details in the newspapers. The story from beginning to end was very interesting.

A. B. G.

DENVER, COL.

On the 20th of November, the Deaf Association held a party at Charles Block, and it was enjoyed very much by those who participated in it.

Fortunately Rev. Koehler, of the Trains-Mississippi Mission of the Deaf was present. Refreshments were served and several games were played.

On the following day Rev. Mr. Koehler held services for the deaf at St. Mark's Church.

The Deaf Association is getting along finely, and meets in Charles Block on the first and third Saturday of every month. One of its aims is to build a church and headquarters of its own.

Mr. Frank Horton, '07, of Gallaudet College, left here for Oregon to teach at the Institution there. Before his departure he was President of our Association. His successor is Miss Edna Drumm, '06, of Gallaudet College.

Long live the Denver Deaf Association.

Three weeks ago the Bible Class was organized, Miss Dixon being appointed President; Mr. Wallace Clark, Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Reid, a teacher. It will be represented at "The Denver Epiphatha Guild," as soon as it gets under way.

The association is to hold a banquet at Charles Block, and it is hoped that the attendance at it may be large.

This week it was snowing for two days and the cold snap is invigorating.

John Coffield, who came here from Pennsylvania last summer, says he is not sorry to be in Denver, and will probably live here permanently. He is employed at Denver Post (one of the city leading Newspaper Building) and also at Sells and Floto Circus repairing shop.

November 22d, Miss Edna Drumm returned here from the Colorado Springs Institution for the Deaf, when she had been the guest of Mrs. Bates and the superintendent for ten weeks.

Mr. John Tuskey has gone to Rockford, Col., to secure a good position. We miss him very much. Mr. Mosby and his wife recently moved here from Tennessee to secure a lucrative position.

John Coffield wonders who will represent the National Association for the Deaf from Pennsylvania in 1910.

It is reported that eighty deaf-mutes are in this city.

Come to Colorado. Come because it is a bully place to live, and a bully place to make a living. Come because it is the land of opportunity, the land that is worth while, needs nothing in the world but more deaf-mutes. And that means you.

Church Mission.

MID-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The Rev. Austin Ward Mann, M.A., General Missionary in charge, 10021 Wilbur Avenue, S. E., Cleveland, Ohio.

PRINCIPAL MISSIONS.

Cleveland, O., St. Agnes' Mission, Grace Church.
Toledo, O., St. Martin's Mission, Trinity Church.
Akron, O., Grace Mission, St. Paul's Church.
Canton, O., Epiphany Mission, St. Paul's Church.
Youngstown, O., Emmanuel Mission, St. John's Church.
Columbus, O., All Saints' Mission, Trinity Church, Miss Mary Greener, Interpreter at regular morning services.
Cincinnati, O., St. Mark's Mission, St. Paul's Cathedral.
Dayton, O., St. Clement's Mission, Christ Church.
Portsmouth, S. O., Holy Faith Mission, All Saints' Church.
Pittsburg, Pa., St. Margaret's Mission, Trinity Church, Brewster R. Allabough and Frank A. Leitner, Lay Readers.
Detroit, Mich., Epiphatha Mission, St. John's Church.
Flint, Mich., St. Aidan's Mission, St. Paul's Church.
Grand Rapids, W. Mich., St. Bede's Mission, St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral.
Kalamazoo, W. Mich., Ascension Mission, St. Luke's Church, Martin M. Taylor, Lay Reader.
Indianapolis, Ind., St. Alban's Mission, Christ Church, Nathaniel Field Morrow, Lay Reader.
Louisville, Ky., All Souls' Mission, Christ Church Cathedral.
Danville, Lex., Calvary Mission, Trinity Church.

Born.

A baby girl, weighing eleven and a half pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hoy, at Mt. Healthy, O., on the 13th of November. She will be named Clover Hoy.

BALTIMORE.

Our entertainment (Hard Times social) took place at Grace P. E. Church's basement under the guidance of Miss Kilgore and her assistants. It proved a successful in every way. Those who went there, out of curiosity, got fined from one cent up. A fine was imposed from one cent up on each person wearing jewelry, fancy dresses, according to the social laws of 1909—Rule 23, signed by Miss Kilgore. Rev. O. J. Whildin was present at the social, contributing materially by his presence and geniality to the pleasure of the occasion.

O. Donnell—"Is n't it disgraceful for women to smoke to-day?"

Miss Kilgore—Why?

O'Donnell—I saw an advertisement offering to women six puffs for one dollar.

Miss Theissen, of Gallaudet College, who has been a guest of Misses Kilgore and Beldin, has gone to Gallaudet College to resume her studies. She hails from Washington State. We enjoyed her visit very much and shall be glad to have her come back.

Dame rumor says that Mr. William Martin, of Homestead, was married to a young deaf lady whose name we haven't found out. She is from York, Pa. Both have our hearty congratulations.

St. Francis Xavier's Beneficial Society is connected with the school for the deaf-mutes. The school has over twenty-four pupils.

JACOB WILOSKI.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 4.—Perhaps in this city there was no more successful and well-arranged oyster supper and bazaar ever held than the members of the Etawah Street, Methodist Mission for the Deaf, of which Rev. D. E. Moylan is pastor.

This worthy affair took place in the commodious auditorium of the Odd Fellow's Temple, Thursday night, December 2d, and proved, beyond expectations, very successful, both financially and socially. It was arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliary Society for the benefit of the Mission. The hall, flanked by six elaborately embellished booths, was thronged by about two hundred persons. The booths were presided over by a bevy of young ladies, and were liberally patronized. One of the largest and prettiest booths was the grocery, with a dazzling array of the variety of staple groceries. The supper was substantially served at a moderate cost. The Ladies' Committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Harry C. Hetzler (Chairman), Mesdames Thomas Daneker, Bryant, Misses Florence Alban, Lizzie Baker, Nellie Daneker, and Nellie Bryant.

The men's committee was composed of Messrs. J. A. Braniff (Chairman), Rev. D. E. Moylan, Orman Daneker, Stephen Sandbeck and Philip Gebb.

Rev. Mr. Moylan, who just returned from Virginia, where he conducted the evangelistic services, expressed his gratification at the unprecedented success, and hoped for a repetition of even a better and greater function a year hence. He attributed it, in a large measure, to the co-operation of hearing friends who volunteered their assistance.

Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mr. Holton E. Steltz, of White Hall; Mrs. Fred L. Schiffely, of near Rockville; Miss Sallie Leitch, of Friendship, and others.

Now the oyster supper and bazaar is over and the members are turning their heads toward the Christmas entertainment.

Preparations will soon be underway and the playlet appropriate for the occasion will be rehearsed at an early date.

The entertainment takes place in the main Sunday School auditorium on the evening of December 30th.

The members of St. Francis Xavier Beneficial Society (Catholic) also held an oyster supper and bazaar this week in the hall of the Knights of Columbus, on Mulberry Street.

The reporter failed to appear, hence a detailed account was not obtainable. His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons was present and made a short speech.

The proceeds of this affair, it is understood, will be used to begin a fund for erecting a new structure, at the convent. The house they now occupy is uncomfortably small and they have scarcely any out-door space.

A DEAF FRIEND.

WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Alex. McMullen, of his place, and, who for some time past has been working at Terra Haute, Ind., passed through here a week ago en route to Cumberland, Md., where he has accepted a good position in a printing office. He spent a day with his parents on Sixth Street.

Last Sunday, Archie Wells, who resides on Clement Avenue, had three pleasant callers for the afternoon. They were Miss Sallie Bradley, Messrs. Cecil B. Marple and Chas. B. Deem.

Mr. Chas. B. Deem, who has been out of employment since he left

Williamson last July, subsequently had been offered a steady position with the Scholl-Andre Printing Company of this city and at which place he is now working.

There is a movement on foot among the local mutes to organize a Debating Society in this city, which will prove of great benefit to them, if the plans are successfully carried out and the by-laws formulated for it. That kind of society has been badly needed among us for some time past, and it is our hope that the plans can be perfected so that we will be proud to have a society of our own.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

Mrs. Koenig, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mrs. Lindell Fell, on November 6th, and spent Sunday with them. She and Mrs. Fell went to Newport and paid a visit to Mrs. John McClelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Scudder, of Doylestown, Pa., have returned from their summer vacation. Mr. Scudder is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mrs. John Tarry and child, of Upland, Pa., was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Samuel K. Anderson, 814 Adams, November 2d, and the guest of Mrs. Richard P. Reed, November 19th, and Mr. Tarry joined his wife and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Fell.

The deaf of Wilmington, Del., are invited to meet the Bishop in St. Andrew's Church, December 15th. Rev. Mr. Dantzer will interpret the services for the deaf. It begins at 7:30 P.M., and all are welcome.

Miss Eva G. Coxo was showered with post-cards on December 4th, the anniversary of her birthday. Charles T. Malone met Mrs. John McClelland and her daughter, of Newport, in Philadelphia recently. They were staying for a few days with Mrs. Syle.

Mrs. John Tarry and Mrs. Lindell Fell went to the Insane Hospital, at Farnhurst, and saw Mrs. Sarah Roth. She is in a serious condition. She is getting old, and was sent there by her friends for treatment.

Mrs. J. E. Holt and family have moved to New Haven, Ct., and are missed by their friends here.

Albert S. Howard, Willie Crowley, Louis Blanchard, James Trainor and John Trainor, were schoolmates of Charles T. Malone at the Clarke School, Northampton, Mass., in 1900.

Mr. Scribner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Fell last Sunday.

Marshall Heller is recovering from the injuries on his leg.

C. T. M.

Altoona.

Mr. McIlvaine, of Philadelphia, will come and deliver a lecture at the home of Mrs. Abe Richman on the night of January 3d, of next year, for the benefit of the Doylestown Home.

Those who live in and out of Altoona, are all welcomed there. Only 15 cents for admission.

On Thanksgiving, Day Mr. David Singerman left for Lewisburg, Pa., on a visit to his brother, who is a student of Bucknell University, and also paid a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. Leopold, of Bellefonte. His old classmate, Maynard Robbins, is working in Mr. Crider's planing mill there.

A Thanksgiving party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Otto. Games, conundrums, and prizes were given to the winners, and at last lemonade, hot coffee and five kinds of cake were served. Every one enjoyed it, and the party broke up at 11:30 P.M. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Saylor and daughter, Mrs. Abe Richman and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bowser and baby son, Mrs. J. Weyandt and little daughter, Messrs. George and Charles Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Otto, all of Altoona and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Saunders, of Gallitzin, Pa.

Two men entered Mr. Geo. C. Saunders' barber shop some time ago, and said that they were from Greensburg, but worked on a new reservoir at Kittanning Point, Pa. They asked Mr. Saunders if he knew Mr. Frank Widaman, and that their boss was Mr. Widaman's cousin.

MOUNTAIN CITY READER.

A Correction.

My attention has been called to Gallaudet Home letter in your paper which stated:—

"It was rumored some time ago among the inmates that Mrs. Jane Simon Risley and Mrs. Elizabeth Crane Lawrenz would like to live at the Gallaudet Home, but that it may be impossible to accommodate them, for the sleeping rooms in the female department are nearly all occupied."

Speaking for myself I wish to say that I am greatly surprised and also feel highly insulted to read of it, as I have never made such a remark, nor have I intimated such a thing to any body, and furthermore I have my own home, which I am proud of and am amply able to maintain it.

MRS. ELIZABETH C. LAWRENZ,
84 Farley Ave., Newark, N. J.

FANWOOD.

Saturday evening, December 4th, the members of the Fanwood Literary Association were pleasantly entertained in the chapel by "Remarks on Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet," by Dr. T. F. Fox, December 4th, being the birthday of our former Principal as well as the anniversary of the removal of the Institution in 1856, from 50th Street to its present location, and a lecture entitled "The Conquest of the Air," by Professor Burdick. Dr. Fox first took the platform and for the space of half an hour he spoke on the life and achievements of Dr. Peet. His remarks were highly interesting and upon his conclusion he received a vote of thanks. Prof. Burdick then took the platform. He gave us a brief description of those who had sought to conquer the air, since the idea originated to the present time. He had made a model of the Wrights' aeroplane, and he used it to explain the various parts of the mechanism with which we were unfamiliar. As an educational device he uncovered a square card-board box, which proved to contain one of those model aeroplanes, which are suspended by a string and propelled by a twisted band of rubber. This he suspended to a window pole laid across a chair, and let it fly around for some time.

It was a very educational and interesting lecture, and upon its conclusion, Acting-President Fancher asked that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Burdick. Every hand was raised, and Prof. Burdick rose and thanked the members. The association adjourned at about 9:30 P.M.

Several pupils have been running around the boys' yard, lately so as to get in condition for a one-mile relay race that they propose to participate in.

The Aeneas A. C. of the Jacob Reis House, under the management of Harry V. Chasman, travelled up here last Saturday, and played an exciting game, with the Lincoln Basket Ball Team, George Gumpers, manager. The Lincolns were defeated by the score of 15 to 9. Following are the list of positions, goals, etc.:

Lincoln D. M.	Pos.	Aeneas A. C.
Kooper	R. F.	Weller
Golden, R.	L. F.	Luckman
Samoyitz	C.	Solomon
Dr. Ke	R. G.	Post
Garrison	L. G.	Schulman
Werber		

Field goals: Lincoln D. M.—Kooper, 1; Golden, 2; Drakes, 1. Aeneas A. C.—Weller, 4; Solomon, 2; Fox, 1. Goals from fouls—Kooper and Schulman. Referee—Dr. Selkell. of Fanwood, and H. Chasman, of Aeneas A. C. Score—15 to 9. Time of halves—Fifteen minutes.

Mr. C. W. James, Secretary to the Minister of Education, and Capt. Crawford, Chief Inspector of the Fire Equipment of the Province of Ontario, spent Friday at this school, inspecting the various branches. The pupils went through the fire drill and a down the Kicker—Bender fire-escape. The visitors were much impressed with its great value.

Cadet Raymond Layman is the pleased recipient of a brand new bicycle, which was sent by express to him, from a friend in Hoboken, N. J. He may be seen at any time riding it around the playground, and he has hopes of enlarging the circumference of his calves by the above exercise.

Dr. Hill, State Inspector for the Department of Education, paid his annual visit of inspection last week. He inspected both morning and afternoon classes in the classrooms and trades schools.

A regular monthly meeting of the Protean Society took place Thursday evening, December 2d, 1909. Various important business matters were transacted. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

The approach of the Christmas holidays is already getting effective in this school. Already visions of old St. Nick haunt the smaller pupils, and the larger ones are preparing for a good time.

Dr. Leale, one of the Board of Directors, reviewed the Sunday afternoon parade. There was an enormous crowd watching the Cadets go through the manoeuvres.

Dr. Voorhees, the Institution Eye and Ear Specialist, made his weekly visit last Friday morning.

Mr. Egerton L. Winthrop was present, Monday afternoon. He is the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

JAMES H. QUINN.

JIM AND JACK.

When Jack lay dead, Jim never came to look at him or shed a tear. A wreath of roses bore his name, But Jim himself did not come near. "I'd like to 'member him," he said "The way he was at fifty-five. And all the good things I can say I told him when he was alive."

"It ain't no use for me to go. An' praise his good deeds far as I near, Let them do that as didn't show. Their love for him when he was here. It ain't for me to stand around. An' grieve about his virtues good. What I can say I said to him. When he was here an' understood."

"It wouldn't seem 'er right for me To stand a talkin' by his bier, An' gaze on eyes that cannot see, An' speak the things he cannot hear. He understood afore he went. The way I'd feel when he was dead, An' I am happy in his thought. That while he lived my praise was said." —Detroit Free Press.

HARTFORD.

On November 27th, Mr. James K. Hine, of Waterbury, completed seventy-two years of life, nearly all of which have been spent in that thriving town.

Mrs. Alice Hennessey, wife of Policeman J. R. Hennessey, has moved from 47 Green Street, where the family have lived for a number of years, to 26 Piney Street.

The next meeting of the Cogswell Literary Society will be held Thursday evening, December 16th, in the main building of the American School for the Deaf.

Mrs. Mary Slocum, of Windsor, Ct., spent the week of Thanksgiving at her son's, Captain Charles Slocum, 149 Beacon Street, this city. She expects to return again for a week about Christmas.

Miss Mary E. Munger, Hartford School, '09, is visiting with a cousin, who lives in Meriden.

A number of the fraternity men hereabouts went to New Haven, Saturday evening, December 4th, to attend the monthly meeting of the New Haven Branch of the Frats.

In a recent article in the Springfield, Mass., *Republican*, written by a Mr. S. R. Sanford, a hearing man, contains much interesting information concerning education of deaf mutes, and is full of praise for the exclusive oral method as now practiced in the Massachusetts Schools, and gives a little slap, as it were, at the Hartford School here, for its past lack of enthusiasm for the purely oral method.

Now the oral method is a God send to us deaf-mutes, and its best results appeal very strongly to our hearing friends, who take a sort of loving pride in showing off our ability to speak and to read speech from the lips.

Mr. Sanford, as his article showed, has been greatly impressed. Parents who have deaf children who are fairly proficient in speech and lip-reading want them to practice speech always, looking upon signs as something foreign, and grotesque.

But so far as our observation goes the deaf-mutes folks love signs, and it seems likely they always will love them.

It might give Mr. Sanford something to think over if he could know that certain deaf-mute pupils whom the Massachusetts strictly oral method schools could do little or nothing for, they have been and are here, in the Hartford School getting something of an education and happy and hopeful about it, too. God bless them.

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Catholic Church Notices.

St. Francis Xavier's, 30 West 16th Street—Instruction and Services in the College Hall, 3:30 P.M., on the third Sunday of the month.

St. Rose's, 165th Street, west of Amsterdam Avenue—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

St. Vincent Ferrer's, Lexington Avenue and 66th Street—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

BROOKLYN.—Knights of Columbus Hall, Hanson Place and South Portland Avenue.—Religious Instruction at 3:30 P.M., on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Under the direction of

REV. M. R. MCCARTHY, S. J.

Baltimore Methodist Deaf-Mute Mission.

Rev. D. E. Moylan, Pastor, 740 W. Fayette Street.

Services at Eutaw Street M. E. Church, every Sunday, at 3:30 P.M.

Sunday School, at 2:30 P.M.

Week day meetings every Thursday evening, at 8 P.M., in the lecture room. (Except during July and August.)

Holy Communion, first Sunday each month. Everybody welcome.

Services in the Diocese of Albany and Central New York.

First Sunday in the month: Morning, Troy; afternoon, Albany evening, Amsterdam.

Second Sunday: Morning, Syracuse; afternoon, Oneida; evening, Utica.

Third Sunday: Morning, Troy; afternoon, Schenectady; evening, Herkimer.

Fourth Sunday: Morning, Utica; afternoon, Rome; evening, Syracuse.

The above is the ordinary arrangement of services. Departures from this arrangement and appointments for week-day services will be announced by postal card.

H. VAN ALLEN, *Missionary*, 232 Grove Place, Utica, N. Y.

St. Thomas Mission, St. Louis.

Christ Cathedral Chapel, 13 and Locust Sts.

Rev. J. H. Cloud, Minister 2606 Virginia Avenue.

Mr. Arthur O. Steidmann, Lay Reader.

Sunday Services at 10:45 A.M.

Sunday School at 10 A.M.

Week-day meetings at 8 P.M., on first and third Fridays, in the Parish House.

THE SLAYER OF MARAT.

Among the instances of fanatic zeal for country and people the act of Charlotte Corday, who was born at St. Saturnin, France, July 17th, 1768, and who was beheaded at Paris July 17, 1793, stands out in tragic force.

Her childhood and early youth were of privation, although she was of a noble family. She was educated at a convent in Caen and then went to live with an aunt in the same old town of Normandy. She had a serene and lofty beauty, was tall and graceful, and her manner was full of dignity.

She spent all her leisure in reading, and her books were always those that related to heroism and devotion to country. When the revolution broke upon France, Charlotte eagerly took up the reading of politics and public questions. When the Girondists were obliged to fly from Paris they went to Caen and began to hold meetings and from plans for future operations in Paris.

The Girondists were the true republicans and got their name from Gironde, as it was the deputies from this district that had formed the Republican party in the national assembly. The massacres had terrified them and they had tried to stop the violent measures in the reign of terror.

Charlotte felt a very madness of enthusiasm as she listened to the fiery eloquence of these men who denounced Marat. Danton and Robespierre escaped much of the censure due for their share in the frightful work of cruelty and death. It was upon Marat that the Girondists poured their eloquence, for it was he who had pursued and ordered the death of their leaders in Paris. In the depths of her heart a purpose was formed to save her people from this monster and at any cost to herself.

Into Charlotte's life a tender and respectful love had come to add its influence in these days of strange tumult and calm purpose. She and a young man named Franquelin had been writing each other, and she had given him her portrait and told him that he might at last leave that. When this lover marched away to Paris with the Girondists and the neighboring volunteers, she bade him a calm farewell, for she knew she was going to save him.

After her execution Franquelin went home to his native village in Normandy. In the tender care of his mother he gradually failed, for his heart was broken the day his love perished. When he came to die he requested that Charlotte's portrait and letters be buried with him, and his grave holds them sacredly.

Charlotte began to prepare for her journey to Paris and the tragedy she had planned. Every effort was made to hide the appearance of a concealed purpose. When she arrived at Paris she at once set about her plans to find Marat. As a preparation she went to one of the shops of the Palais Royal and bought a dagger-shaped knife, paying for it 60 cents. This she hid in the folds of her dress. Her plan had been to kill Marat in the very convention where she thought the deed would be avenged by killing her on the spot.

But Marat no longer went to the convention. He was ill with a disease that was slowly killing him, and his body was in a state of disorder and irritation that gave him an agony of suffering. He was uncomfortable when in the warm water of his bath. He lived on the first floor of a house in the Rue des Cordeliers and connected with his home were all the affairs of his journalist work and from here all his pamphlets and journals were sent out.

After writing two letters asking for an interview, in which she would give him some important news about suspected persons, she got no reply. Then she took her way to the house, insisted that she must see him, and when forbidden entrance by Marat's wife she still urged the importance of her errand. Marat heard the sound of their voices and shouted out for a reason of the noise that bothered him. When told it was the woman who had twice written him he bade her come in. The wife, against her will, let her pass.

Marat was in his bath, wrapped in an ink-stained sheet, and was writing on a board laid across the bath. Asking her errand. When he had the name of each Girondist who was at work in Caen he said that in a week they would be brought to the guillotine. Then as she stood beside the bath she plunged the knife into his heart and he died with a cry to his wife to come to him.

Just before her execution she wrote to the Girondists at Caen that she anticipated happiness, "with Brutus in the Elysian fields," after her death, and she also wrote tender and loving farewell letters to her relatives and friends.

When she had suffered death the executioner lifted up her head by the hair and struck it with his fist. Just at that moment a gleam of the sun so fell upon it that there was the effect of a blush on the dead face. —*Boston Globe*.

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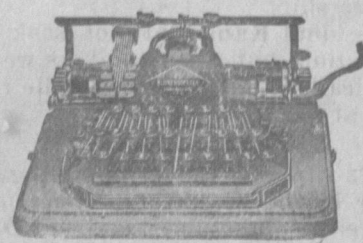
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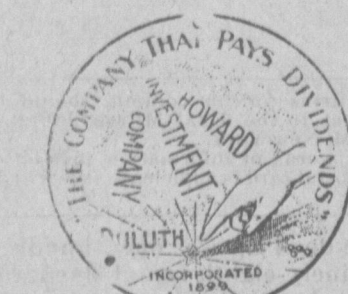
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